Setting up of Oil Packaging Unit

196 SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether N D.D.B. has any proposal under its consideration to set up an oil packaging unit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The packaging stations have to be set up by cooperatives/private sectors However, NDDB owns the packaging plants and pays charges to the packaging stations for packing of oil.

Declaration of housing as an industry

197 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVEVLOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to declare housing as an Industry to facilitate housing construction activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN) (a) and (b) Government has taken a number of steps to facilitate housing construction such as additional mobilisation of resources through loan linked contractual savings scheme of National Housing Bank, increased allocation of banking sector funds, expansion of HUDCO financing for housing and infra-structure, promotion of cost effective building materials and technologies, etc Government is of the view that declaration of housing as an industry may not by itself facilitate housing construction There is therefore, no specific proposal under consideration in this regard.

Shortage of Fertilisers

198 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM,
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Fertiliser scarcity to continue" as reported in the 'Indian Express' of the 4th December, 1990;

(b) if so, whether there is any scarcity of the two vital fertilisers namely nitrogenous and phosphatic in the country due to stoppage of import of phos and Ammonia in the wake of Gulf crisis;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove the shortage of fertilisers in the country, and

(d) whether Government propose to give any incentive to the fertiliser industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Yes, sir

(b) There is no overall scarcity of fertilisers in the country

(c) question does not arise

(d) No additional incentive to the fertiliser industry is under consideration of the Government.

Visit of Secretary-General, WTO to Boost Tourism trend in the country

199 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organisation during his recent visit to India has suggested some measures to boost tourism potentials and also to overcome the difficulties being faced in this regard,